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SUBJECT: JUNE 5 NAC AGENDA ITEM VII: ALLIANCE DEFENSE INDUSTRY
AND TECHNOLOGY

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SUMMARY. DURING THE 5 JUNE NAC MEETING, THE COUNCIL
RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE CNAD ON CNAD'S PROPOSED
COURSE OF ACTION TO INVESTIGATE DUPLICATION AND
INNEFFICIENCY IN THE ALLIANCE DEFENSE INDUSTRY AND
TECHNOLOGY (ADIT). THE COUNCIL INDORSED THE CNAD
PLAN AND INVITED PARTICIPATION OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE SYG OPENED THE DISCUSSION OF THE REFERENCED
PO BY STATING THE SUBJECT OF THE ALLIANCE DEFENSE
INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY (ADIT) WAS VERY CLOSELY
RELATED TO THE ISSUE OF STANDARDIZATION WITHIN NATO FORCES, AND
THAT NAC CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT CAN NOW BE RENEWED
BEACUSE THE CNAD WAS READY TO REPORT ON THEIR
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PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION. ADIT IS NOT ON THE JUNE NAC
MINISTERIAL AGENDA BUT MIGHT BE PLACED ON THE DECEMBER
AGENDA TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF ONGOING STUDIES TO
THE MINISTERS. SPECIFICALLY THE COUNCIL WAS INVITED

TO (1) NOTE AND INDORSE THE CNAD ACTION PLAN, (2) INVITE THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE APPROPRIATE PAPERS AND ADVISE WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS IT COULD MAKE, (3) NOTE THAT ADIT WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY DEFENSE MINISTERS ON JUNE 14, AND (4) PLACE ADIT ON THE DECEMBER NAC MINISTERIAL AGENDA.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT (TUCKER) REPORTED ON CNAD ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS ON THE SUBJECT. AT ITS SPRING MEETING THE CNAD HAD ACCEPTED THE STUDY AS A MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, ASKED THE NIAG TO REVIEW APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION AND BE READY TO ADVISE THE CNAD, AND ESTABLISHED A WORKING GROUP, WITH THE NADREPS AS A NUCLEUS, TO DIRECT AND COORDINATE THE EFFORT. THE WORKING GROUP WAS DIRECTED TO INITIALLY LOOK AT R&D (AS OPPOSED TO PRODUCTION), SELECT AND FOCUS ATTENTION ON A LIMITED NUMBER OF PILOT AREAS WHERE EARLY RESULTS COULD BE REALIZED, AND TO DIAGNOSE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM BEFORE RECOMMENDING REMEDIES. THE WORKING GROUP SELECTED TACTICAL MISSILES AS THE FIRST PILOT STUDY BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MISSILE TECHNOLOGY, THE MAJOR PROCUREMENTS ANTICIPATED BY MANY NATIONS, THE SEVERAL NATIONS HAVING MISSILE R, D AND PRODUCTION CAPABILITY, AND THE EXTENSIVE DUPLICATION EXISTING IN THIS FIELD. DR. TUCKER CONCLUDED BY STATING THE CNAD WOULD NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE NAC AND DEFENSE MINISTERS TO ACHIEVE RESULTS BY DECEMBER.

3. HARTOGH (THE NETHERLANDS) ASKED WHY THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN PLACED ON THE 5 JUNE NAC AGENDA, WHEN NATIONS HAD NOT RECEIVED THE 4 JUNE PO IN TIME TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS. SECRETARY LUNS STATED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO CONSIDER THE SUBJECT AT THIS TIME BECAUSE IT WAS ON THE JUNE DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA. DR. TUCKER ADDED THAT DURING THE 10 APRIL DELIBERATIONS ON THE SUBJECT, THE NAC HAD ADKED TO REVIEW THE CNAD RESPONSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT THIS TIME AND ALSO THAT THE CNAD NEEDED AN ENDORSEMENT OR GUIDANCE ON THEIR COURSE OF ACTION.

4. DE ROSE (FRANCE) AGREED TO INVITING THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED GUIDANCE FROM THE COUNCIL AND REQUESTED THAT FRANCE BE KEPT INFORMED OF DECISIONS BY THE DPC MINISTERS.

5. CHORAFAS (GREECE) ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH THE FRENCH COMMENT AND INDICATED GREEK SUPPORT FOR THE OPEN ENDED WORKING GROUP.

6. RUMSFELD THANKED DR. TUCKER FOR HIS EXCELLENT REPORT AND COMPLIMENTED HIM ON CNAD'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS. HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE A LOT OF WORK REMAINED TO BE DONE, HE WAS SATISFIED CNAD WAS ON THE RIGHT TRACK AND THAT BY NARROWING THE FOCUS ALONG THE LINES INDICATED, REASONABLE PROGRESS COULD BE EXPECTED. HE STATED THAT THE EFFORT HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE US SECDEF AND THAT THE US WAS PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. HE CONCLUDED BY COMMENTING THAT AFTER A REVIEW OF PROGRESS THIS FALL HE HOPED THE SUBJECT COULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE MINISTERS ONE YEAR FROM NOW.

7. PECK (U.K.) AGREED TO THE CNAD APPROACH BUT SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE TOO EARLY TO GIVE A SPECIFIC ROLE TO THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. SECRETARY LUNS ASSURED HIM THE COMMITTEE WAS ONLY BEING ASKED TO REVIEW APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATIONS AND ADVISE ON WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MIGHT MAKE.

8. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) THANKED DR. TUCKER AND INDICATED BELGIUM'S SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION IN PARAGRAPH 9 IN THE PO. WITH RESPECT TO THE NETHERLANDS' EARLIER OBJECTION, HE STATED DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE, AND THAT WHILE THE SUBJECT WAS A PROCEDURAL MATTER, IT SHOULD BE RESOLVED.

9. SECRETARY LUNS STATED THAT THE NETHERLANDS WOULD BE ALLOWED AMPLE TIME TO REVIEW THE DOCUMENTATION AND CONCLUDED THAT,
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SUBJECT TO THE NETHERLANDS' RESERVATION, THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL WAS TO INDORSE THE COURSE OF ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE CNAD AND INVITE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AS DETAILED IN PARAGRAPH 9 OF THE PO.
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